

# GOVERNOR'S CONSULTING COMMITTEE MEETING

#### **MINUTES**

100 Community Place Crownsville, Maryland 21032

October 24, 2013

## Committee members present:

Dr. Richard Longstreth

Mr. Peter Peare

Ms. Nancy Schamu

Dr. Damie Stillman

Mr. Robert Vogel

#### Committee members not present:

Dr. Julie Ernstein (comments and votes via email)

Dr. Edward Papenfuse

#### Staff members present:

Jan Gowing Peter Kurtze

#### Visitors present:

None

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m., by Chairman Longstreth

There was a moment of silence held in honor of Orlando Ridout V.

The Minutes of March 2013 were considered. Mr. Vogel pointed out that there was a comma after Crown in Crown Cork and Seal and there shouldn't be. He also corrected the sentence that stated "Mr. Vogel corrected the fact that all early automobiles did, in fact, have a reverse pedal," when it

Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor Richard Eberhart Hall, AICP, Secretary Amanda Stakem Conn, Esq., Deputy Secretary should have said that, "all cars have a means of reversing them." A motion to accept the minutes with these corrections was made by Mr. Vogel and seconded by Dr. Longstreth.

#### **Nominations Considered:**

#### EVERGREEN, Allegany County

Presented by: Peter Kurtze Criteria Considered: A, C Criteria Recommended: A, C

Evergreen is now a museum and an environmental education center, that is operated by the family that built it. Included in the nomination is an exceptionally early and well-preserved Pennsylvania bank barn.

Mr. Pearre thinks that the nomination is worthy but confusing, and recommends that an architectural historian view the property and review the nomination. Peter Kurtze has visited the property and knows it well enough to make improvements to the nomination. Mr. Pearre also points out that the elements that no longer exist should be referred to as "sites" rather than as contributing historic "structures." Dr. Longstreth recommends that where it says 17, 18 hundreds, should be changed to 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. Mr. Vogel would like to see a better description of the bull wheel and what it was used for. Mrs. Schamu pointed out that Poolesville is not located in Frederick County, but in Montgomery County.

A motion to accept the nomination was made by Dr. Longstreth and seconded by Dr. Stillman. Dr. Ernstein voted in favor via email; the motion was carried unanimously.

#### BREWER'S HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT, Baltimore City

Presented by: Peter Kurtze Criteria Considered: A, C Criteria Recommended: A, C

Mrs. Schamu questioned why the boundaries were chosen and why the neighborhood is significant. She also pointed out that a number of prominent businesses in the area but doesn't say whether the people who lived in the district worked at those businesses. She mentions that there is a chronological pattern of row house development which should have been displayed in the nomination. Mr. Vogel pointed out that Peter Cooper was a builder of locomotives, not an inventor.

A motion to accept the nomination was made by Dr. Stillman and seconded by Mr. Vogel with corrections. Dr. Ernstein voted in favor via email; the motion was carried unanimously.

### NANTICOKE LODGE NO. 172 A.F. & A.M., Caroline County

Presented by: Peter Kurtze Criteria Considered: A, C Criteria Recommended: A, C

Dr. Longstreth recommended that the photographs be re-taken for better quality since they are records of historic properties. The Committee is in complete agreement that something needs to be done about the quality of photographs submitted. Mr. Vogel pointed out that the nomination includes a photograph showing two Model A Fords that were introduced in 1928, so that the date given in Section 10, Page 3 should be stated *circa* 1930.

A motion to accept the nomination was made by Mrs. Schamu and seconded by Dr. Longstreth. Dr. Ernstein voted in favor via email; the motion was carried unanimously.

### POTOMAC MILLS, Washington County, MD/ West Virginia

Presented by: Peter Kurtze Criteria Considered: A, C Criteria Recommended: A, C

Most of this nomination is located within West Virginia. The Maryland portion contains a dam.

A motion to accept the nomination as pertains to the State of Maryland, was made by Dr. Longstreth and seconded by Mrs. Schamu. Dr. Ernstein voted in favor via email; the motion was carried unanimously.

# WARREN MANSION, Worcester County

Presented by: Peter Kurtze Criteria Considered: B Criteria Recommended: B

Warren Mansion is an eclectic stuccoed frame house designed and constructed by local artist Frank Warren. It features exterior buttresses and an interior court. On the property is a cemetery with a fountain.

Ms. Schamu feels that there needs to be some assessment of Frank Warren as an artist. She would like to see it explained as to why the period of significance ends in 1950. Dr. Longstreth says that in the nomination, there is no indication of Mr. Warren's inspiration as an artist and architect. He feels that the house is an eccentric loner's fantasy. Mr. Vogel states that he feels that the comparison with Henry Mercer, as an artist and architect, is appropriate.

A motion to accept the nomination was made by Dr. Stillman and seconded by Dr. Longstreth. Dr. Ernstein voted in favor via email. The motion was carried unanimously.

### Other Business:

The meetings for 2014 will be held on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45, in a motion made by Dr. Longstreth and seconded by Dr. Stillman.